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## Are PUC employees happy?

**Steven VanderVelde**  
Managing Editor

The results of the PUC Faculty and Staff Satisfaction Survey from October of last year were presented to the campus early this month. They resonated a theme that PUC salaries are quite lacking to the faculty and staff.

Vice Chancellor for Advancement Judith Kaufman said the survey is very important to the senior leadership in determining how to better serve the PUC community.

"It is important that people are very honest and give real answers," said Kaufman. "People need to let us know where they're coming from, this year especially because we need to make important decisions in regards to the economy. We want to take everyone's opinions in hand."

The survey addressed topics referring to employment on campus. It dealt with a range of one to four, with one qualifying as strongly disagreeing and four qualifying as strongly agreeing. No survey question received higher than an average score of 3.0. The lowest scoring topic was in reference to PUC's monetary practices inspiring employees to achieve departmental and campus priorities which received an average score of 2.2. The number of total respondents for the survey was 400.

Jeff Schieb, an associate director in the institutional research and assessment department, was in charge of calculating the results of the survey. He conducted a similar faculty/staff satisfaction survey in 2006. He said the feedback from the survey included very emotional re-

### Agreement Rating Scale

- 4 = Strongly Agree
- 3 = Agree
- 2 = Disagree
- 1 = Strongly Disagree

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| 1  | My work enables me to utilize my full potential.                                                                            | 2.7 |
| 2  | The performance evaluation process provides me with valuable feedback.                                                      | 2.7 |
| 3  | Purdue University Calumet's reward (monetary) practices motivate me to achieve departmental and campus priorities.          | 2.2 |
| 4  | Purdue University Calumet's recognition (non-monetary) practices motivate me to achieve departmental and campus priorities. | 2.4 |
| 5  | Purdue University Calumet offers me opportunities both on and off campus to develop myself professionally.                  | 2.8 |
| 6  | I have the opportunity to offer input/ feedback concerning work related issues.                                             | 2.8 |
| 7  | I am informed regarding how my input/ feedback is used.                                                                     | 2.4 |
| 8  | I have opportunities to actively contribute to the development of departmental plans that affect me.                        | 2.6 |
| 9  | Purdue University Calumet provides a working environment that is accepting of differences among faculty and staff.          | 2.9 |
| 10 | Purdue University Calumet provides a safe working environment for faculty and staff.                                        | 3.1 |
| 11 | Purdue University Calumet encourages and supports faculty and staff engagement with the community.                          | 3.0 |
| 12 | I would recommend campus employment opportunities to others.                                                                | 3.0 |
| 13 | Overall, I am satisfied with my employment at Purdue University Calumet.                                                    | 3.0 |

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## Travelers Club offers trips to anywhere

**Steven VanderVelde**  
Managing Editor

The Purdue Calumet Travelers Club is a new campus organization allowing any students interested in joining to travel together as groups to any location they can come up with. The club was founded by Daniel Short, a senior majoring in history who is also the CEO of SILIS Charter Group.

Short is the president of the Travelers Club and also owns three charter buses he uses for the club's outings. Short started the company and the club with students in mind.

"I really enjoyed my time at PUC and I met a lot of great people here," said Short. "But it's hard to go places together. So I said, 'let's get a bus.'"

Since then, Short has obtained three buses. Two have a bathroom and the third is being modified to have one. Short's only overhead costs are diesel, insurance and maintenance which allows him to make a great deal available for students interested in joining the club. Nearly all trips cost \$20 for a roundtrip and each fifth trip purchased is free.

Common destinations for the club will include Six Flags, Turkey Run State Park and anywhere in Chicago including sports games. But any member of the club can suggest locations of their own. The member e-mails the idea to Short who then forwards it to the other members and people can respond if they are interested in going or not. If more than 10 people are interested and make deposits, then the club will go. Departing times are also debatable.

*"The beauty of it all is if there is a road there, we can go,"*

**Daniel Short**  
Traveler Club President

Short started his company and the Travelers Club without a profit or competition in mind. The club is open enrollment and is available for any other PUC organizations or trips that need transportation. Short said he is more interested in having fun and giving back to the community



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One of the three buses available to the Travelers Club.

than making money.

"I think the club helps to foster the community and it really is about providing students with convenience and just having as much fun as we can," Short said. "No other company is doing that."

The SILIS Web site said their motto as "Anywhere you would like to go, we would like to take you."

The Travelers Club adopts the same mantra as anyone can put together a group outing and go wherever they want with group savings.

"The beauty of it all is if there

is a road there, we can go," said Short. "There really isn't a limit to where we can go."

Anyone interested in joining the Purdue Calumet Travelers Club or learning more about SILIS Charter Group can either e-mail Short at [dlshort@calumet.purdue.edu](mailto:dlshort@calumet.purdue.edu) or visit the SILIS Web site at [silischartergroup.com](http://silischartergroup.com).

There is no cost to join, students will be put on the e-mail list and can respond to the trips they are interested in or suggest their own.

## Students wary of professors writing texts

**Jalena Dixon**  
Chronicle Correspondent

Instructors at PUC have been writing their own textbooks to give students practical experience. Yet, some students think this approach may hinder the aspect of critical thinking in the classroom as they might be afraid to disagree with the instructor's material.

Thomas Roach, an instructor for the communication and creative arts department wrote the textbook for his principles for interviewing course.

"I wanted to write something that was more practical for the students," said Roach. "I wanted to be sure that after the student had taken the class they would be able to conduct an actual interview. I expect my students to be able to go out to give more effective interviews."

Some students think they are at a disadvantage in the classroom when their instructor has written the book. Students may think they will not get the full affect of the class because the information being taught may be one-sided.

Public relations student, Alvaro Alvarez said he had two teachers who wrote their own textbooks. He had an interviewing course and a philosophy course where the instructors wrote the books.

"I think instructors who write their own books have the advantage in the classroom," said Alvarez. "Whatever they write in the book is concrete; they have the final thought."

Junior and sociology major, Emmanuel Milligan also had two instructors who wrote books for philosophy and sociology classes.

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**Alvaro Alvarez**  
Public Relations

"When instructors write the books for their course it puts the students at a disadvantage, because the instructor wrote it and they are going to give their own opinion; it's bias," said Milligan.

Alvarez said students may find themselves to be constricted in how they process the material presented in the text.

"It is harder for students to come to their own conclusion since the instructors have done their own research in that particular field," said Alvarez.



## ADMINISTRATIVE

## update

## Who is an 'Outstanding Faculty' member? You can help decide!

It has been said, "To teach is to touch a life forever."

Has a faculty member made such an impression on you? If so, take a few moments to submit your nomination for Purdue Calumet's Outstanding Faculty Awards.

The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs is inviting you to recognize a professor who has made a positive difference in your university experience. There are three award categories for which you can nominate an exceptional faculty member: Outstanding Teacher, Outstanding Scholar and Outstanding Service. Faculty eligible for these awards are tenure and tenure-track faculty members.

Continue reading below for more information about each award.



## Need assistance applying for financial assistance?

Students desiring help or information completing their 2009-10 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to attend College Goal Sunday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. at one of two PUC sites:

- The Calumet Conference Center (south of 173rd Street)
- The Academic Learning Center in Merrillville (2+ miles south of US Route 30 accessible from Broadway Avenue)

Staff members of PUC's Office of Financial Aid and Student Accounts will be present to help attendees fill out the FAFSA. Completed FAFSAs must be submitted and received by the federal processor by March 10 so that students can be considered for federal, state and campus-based financial aid for next academic year.

Students who attend College Goal Sunday also qualify for a chance to win an educational prize to help with their higher education expenses.

### The Outstanding Teacher Award . . .

. . . honors a faculty member who demonstrates superior ability helping students meet course objectives, stimulates their desire to master course objectives, exhibits competence in an academic discipline, and aids and motivates students in a counseling and advisory capacity. This individual also conveys passion for teaching while stimulating a passion to learn.

### The Outstanding Scholar Award . . .

. . . recognizes superior achievement in research, publishing, and/or another creative endeavor. Also considered are those who develop new knowledge in an academic discipline and those who mentor and guide students in scholarly and other creative endeavors.

### The Outstanding Service Award . . .

. . . acknowledges outstanding professional and community service through activities such as volunteerism and roles on boards of directors and agencies. It also recognizes outreach activity that extends university influence through consulting, continuing education and other instruction.

More details about the qualification and nomination process are available at the following links:

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[www.calumet.purdue.edu/acadaffrs/scholar-award.pdf](http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/acadaffrs/scholar-award.pdf)

### Here's how to nominate your favorite Prof!

1. Send an EMAIL to Executive Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Tania Sanders: [sanderst@calumet.purdue.edu](mailto:sanderst@calumet.purdue.edu).
2. Attach a Word document or include in the body of the message the full name of the professor and the department in which he/she teaches and a 200-to-300-word narrative in support of your nomination.
3. Please include your full name, email, address and telephone number. Your nomination will be forwarded to the appropriate Outstanding Faculty Committee.

Nominations are due by **March 2** to the Office of the VCAA.

## What's Going On? A Look Around...

### Writing Center presents an interactive MLA workshop

The Writing Center presents MLA Documentation and Style, which is an interactive workshop on how to use MLA documentation format when writing academic papers. PUC students and community members may attend on either Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. or Thursday, Feb. 26 at 12:30 p.m. in the Writing Center computer lab – CLO 263. Each free session will last approximately 90 minutes. Participants who have copies are encouraged to bring their The Little, Brown Handbook and/or The Simon and Schuster Handbook for Writers. For more information, or to RSVP for a session, call the Writing Center at 219/989-2200. Space is limited, so those interested are encouraged to make reservations early.

### Music Lunch Series

Valerie Custer will be serenading the Oaken Arbor Café on Monday, Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sponsored by Student Activities

### Conflict in the Classroom

An interactive theatrical presentation will take place in Alumni Hall on Feb. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. The presentation will educate students on how to deal with negative scenarios in the classroom. The University of Michigan CRLT Players will educate the audience through the use of drama.

Sponsored by the Multicultural Cultural Campus Council.

### Game Night

Students can come and play a wide variety of games in the SUL Calumet Falls on Wednesday, Feb. 18. The game night will take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Sponsored by Student Activities

### Purdue Vocal Company

If you like music and you like to sing come check out the Purdue Vocal Company. The PVC will be having a meeting and brief audition Thursday Feb. 19 in SUL 353 – The YJean Chambers Hall

from 3:30-5:00. The group, in its fourth year, is made up of students, staff and faculty and sings for a variety of events both on campus and off. For more information or to fill out an information sheet contact Patricia Hales at (219) 989-2627 or stop by Porter 114A.

### Textbook Returns

The Calumet Campus Shop will be accepting book returns beginning this week (Feb. 16). The bookstore will also place special orders for students throughout the semester for no additional fee.

### Backpacks to Briefcases

A seminar entitled "The Dish on Dress" will be presented in SUL 305 on Thursday, Feb. 19 from 10 to 11 a.m. Stop by to hone your job interviewing skills.

For more information, call (219) 989-2600 or visit SUL 349

Sponsored by the Office of Career Services.

### Rock and Glow Bowling

A "bowl in the dark" party will be held at Plaza Lanes Bowling at 8101 Kennedy Avenue, Highland, IN. The party will be on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a food buffet, prizes and DJ music.

The cost for PUC students is \$15. To register stop by Lawshe 352 or call (219) 989-2367

Sponsored by Student Activities, Intramural Sports and the University Village.

### Eating Disorders Awareness

Free screening surveys for eating disorders will be offered by the Counseling Center Feb. 23-26 in the SUL Concourse. Surveys will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Confidential feedback information will be given back to participants.

For more information, contact the Counseling Center at (219) 989-2366

## Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

Briefs may be submitted via e-mail at [chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu](mailto:chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu) or campus cc: mail - Chronicle or to the newsroom located in the Student Union and Library building, room 344H.

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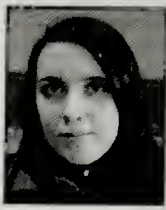


## What do you think of professors writing their own textbooks?



**Chris Wozniak**  
ECET  
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"I think it strengthens the class because they can reference easily."



**Patricia Morgan**  
French and  
Chemistry  
Junior

"I think it shows confidence in their own knowledge."



**Stephanie Sivak**  
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tion  
Junior

"It depends on the price of the book."



**Alfonso Lerma**  
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Senior

"I have mixed feelings. If a person is the most qualified in his field, then it's great to use their own textbook. But I want to be sure the class is using the richest material available."

## Prince-ing ain't easy

**Prince Nathyn Gibson**  
Royal Editor-in-  
Chief



Friday night, through hard work and dedication, I accomplished something I never thought I would ever be able to do. I finally defeated the final boss in the Wii game, No More Heroes. In other news, I also happened to become the 2009 PUC Homecoming Prince.

I would like to thank all the people who have grown to tolerate my obscene and sometime (or most of the time) obnoxious behavior, also I would also thank my new cabinet, who will help me as I rule this place in this "Era of Awesomeness."

A day after this monumental victory, I sat down and composed some thoughts on the dance, prince-like behavior and life in general.

- I recall a time when I was on the prom court in high school. Three students came in when I was announced over the intercom screaming obscenities to the class sponsor, thinking me being on the court was proof it was rigged. So the fact people were not mad I was on the court in the first place is a possible step forward.

- Does anybody think it's odd that during Homecoming, the prince, princess, king and queen is determined by a democracy? Only in America! Of course, after this comment, I'm going to get an e-mail by someone smarter than me to tell me about another country that determines their royalty through democratic elections.

- During the Homecoming dance, I figured out the weight and size limit to break dancing. I also found out the hard way that I exceed both limits. As a result, I will be walking with a limp for a couple of days. I blame this on my constant need for attention.

- I can appreciate a song like the "Cha Cha Slide" because I often feel like having a large group of people synchronize in dance and I am glad there is a song that can tell us exactly what to do. However, I can't help but think in the back of my mind this song has secret government training techniques and is possibly preparing us for war when the robots attack.

I should also say if you took this commentary seriously in any way, there is something seriously wrong with you.



Have feedback? Readers can contact Nathyn at [chronicle\\_eic@yahoo.com](mailto:chronicle_eic@yahoo.com) or (219) 989-2547

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## Leave the textbook writing to the major publishing companies.

*The issue: Professors are teaching with textbooks they have written themselves.*

*Our opinion: This method of teaching discourages differing opinions in the classroom.*

Purchasing textbooks is the bane of many college students. Once classes are chosen, schedules are printed out and book checks are divvied up, students take on the quest to find the required textbooks at the cheapest prices, all while hoping they are spending money on books they will actually use.

But on some occasions, students may find something strange about the textbooks they need to purchase: they were written by their current professors.

When this situation arises, many students may not think much of the dilemma at first, not realizing the possible problems that could occur, such as, what to

do if they disagree with the book?

When a student begins a new class, they want to excel in their classes, as well as impress their teachers; but how will they be able to accomplish that if they disagree entirely with what the professor has written in the textbook?

While it is possible some professors may welcome criticism from their pupils, it is likely the student will never voice the disagreement, in the fear of becoming unjustly treated in the future.

Another issue that should be addressed is the fact the professor who has required the textbook to be used is not allowing the class to be schooled on different opinions other than the professor's own.

While professors who have written textbooks may have great knowledge of the subject they have written about, this is still a bias act that gives students a skewed version of how a certain subject is broached.

In a lesser issue, when students are required to purchase the professor-written textbook as required supplemental material, it forces them to spend a large sum of money on something that is not quite complete. Money that is already scarce is being spent just so the professor can force the students to hear the opinions they may have on the subject.

The bottom line, PUC should not allow professors to require the

use of a textbook that they have written themselves.

A professor who has written a textbook should only be able to inform the students of where it can be purchased, and encourage them to buy it if they are interested. It is a great thing if a person decides to write a book, but the reading of said book should not be forced onto anyone — especially students who not only may be low on cash, but also want an unbiased learning environment.

## Comments???

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# A down-to-earth band with an awesome sound

**Mark Farner**

Assistant Entertainment Editor

The Summerfight entertains listeners with furious playing, an addictive sound and thought-provoking lyrics. The band draws their influences from bands such as Jimmy Eat World and The Deftones, but what is The Summerfight really about? Bassist Frank Rosado talked to The Chronicle about just that. The band formed in 2004.

"We didn't really get started until 2005," Rosado said. "Same band with different guys. It's the second version."

In 2005, they conducted their East Coast tour, visiting locales in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, among others.

Where did the name Summerfight come from? "It was inane, but meaningful," Rosado said, talking about the long conversation that spawned the band name. "It's the summer," Rosado said. "The heat, the evil, it brings out both the best and the worst in people." Even if questioned about the conversation, nobody in the band would be able to give the specific details.

Band members include singer Aaron Wigsмоen, guitarists Jarmane Scott and Alexx Vargas, bassist Frank Rosado and drummer Chris Rosado. Frank and Chris Rosado are cousins and have been playing together for 10 years.

"We live to do this," Frank Rosado said.

He spends a lot of time dealing with school, work and the band. The goal is to



[www.myspace.com/thesummerfight](http://www.myspace.com/thesummerfight)

**The Summerfight is a local band that takes their music seriously.**

make it together in hopes that all the hard work will pay off.

Rosado said they're influenced by many genres. "We're not trying to follow trends," Rosado said.

He described the band's music as a mixture of metal, rock and experimental, but they "love bringing heavy rock music."

Rosado attributed the band's lyrics to

singer Aaron Wigsмоen, whom he described as "very political" and "driven in his own ideas."

"'Judi Bari Me, Blow My Ass Away' is about FBI corruption," Rosado said. Judi Bari, the title's namesake, was an environmental activist in the 1970s, who as the main organizer of "Earth First!" Campaigns, faced a lot of hardship and received

many death threats for her work.

Although Wigsмоen may write the lyrics, the song titles are collaborations by the band members.

"Raptors and The Children Who Fight Them," Rosado said. "We loved the sound and ended up keeping it."

Rosado said their joke titles often have personal meanings to the band members that only close friends of the band would understand.

The band has an indie EP album called "A White Nightmare." Work on the album began in the beginning of 2008. The band recorded in the summer, which ended up being a long process. They recorded for three months for Hysteria Records.

The Summerfight has shared the stage with many bands, including Finch, Dance Club Massacre, Send The Dawn and My American Heart, to name a few. The Summerfight isn't in this for fun either. "This is my dream and everyone else's," Rosado said. They all plan on pursuing this dream after college, full time.

The band's Myspace page, [Myspace.com/thesummerfight](http://Myspace.com/thesummerfight), contains more information, including a few of their songs, upcoming shows, an extensive blog and much more.

To any new listeners, Rosado said, "Give us a try. Listen to our music. Feel free to talk to us and ask questions. We're nice guys. We'll play with anybody and we'll play anywhere."

# Game doesn't live up to movie

**TJ Creech**

Staff Writer

Fans of "Star Wars: Battlefront" get ready, because Pandemic Studios did it again, but this time it takes place in the Lord of the Rings universe.

Similar to the "Star Wars: Battlefront" games, "Lord of the Rings: Conquest" for X-Box 360 and Playstation 3 allows the gamer to play as a nameless soldier in an army of their choosing. The player can choose between good or evil as well as between different classes, and the game features a campaign mode and multiplayer.

"Lord of the Rings: Conquest" follows the same basic formula of Battlefront games, but does not play the same. The player is still able to choose a nameless soldier from four different classes, such as archer, wizard, scout and warrior.

The warrior has a sword and the ability to use a throwing axe, as he gets more kills he is able to unleash a special attack. Archers are ready with their bows, as well as a variety of special attacks, such as a poison arrow. Wizards come with an array of different spells, and scouts have the power to become invisible, as well as kill units in one hit.

Along with the choices in classes, "Lord of the Rings: Conquest" also allows hero units for each side, which are stronger than normal units and can take more damage.

The main problem with this game is no matter what faction the player happens to be, not much develops in relation to how far the classes grow. Playing as a hobbit can offer an advantage for gamers because they are so short and therefore hard to hit. Hero units mix things up, along with giant trolls, but playing as a different army never feels any different from one to another; which could get real boring real fast.

Overall, "Conquest" looks and sounds good, with the regular Lord of the Rings sounds and character voices all present in the game. Characters yell and shout as the player fights from one enemy to the next. Campaign mode offers a story mode where players take control of the "good guys," allowing gamers to play through major battles in the Lord of the Rings universe.

Eventually, players can choose to play as the "bad guys" allowing them to play a "what if" type of story; in which the players can play



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**"Lord of the Rings: Conquest" offers fun adventures, but not enough to hold interest.**

through a new story of what would happen if Frodo did not destroy the ring and the forces of evil take over. The story mode is fun and interesting, but fans of the films may get bored. But the evil campaign is a fun look of what could have happened.

As with most games such as this, the multiplayer option really brings the game to the next level. Online play is fun and challenging with ranked and unranked

matches, and playing online never gets boring, even with such little variety. There are also some forgettable game modes offered like "capture the ring."

With a high expectancy to be played more than once, but a low fun factor, "Lord of the Rings: Conquest" is a mediocre game. Fans expecting a "Battlefrontesque" feeling will be disappointed, while fans of the films may be pleasantly surprised. If a

gamer is expecting something closer to "Battlefront," then they better just dust off their old copy, and pass on by "Lord of the Rings: Conquest."



**2 STARS**



# Dark Cartoon **TOO SCARY** for Kids?

**LeAnne Munoz**  
Entertainment Editor

Eerie. Kooky. Dark. All of these words can perfectly describe the movie "Coraline," based on the book by Neil Gaiman, which crept into theaters Feb. 6.

This stop-motion animation film follows a young girl named Coraline Jones, (voiced by Dakota Fanning) who has just moved into a creaky and leaky apartment in a new town.

She also feels ignored and unloved by her constantly busy mother and father. While investigating her new home, Coraline comes across a secret door that leads her to a reality seemingly parallel to her own, only much better. There, she meets her "other parents" (voiced by Terri Hatcher and John Hodgman) who seem like the perfect replacements for her original parents; loving, caring, attentive people who just so happen to have buttons for eyes.

Coraline becomes enthralled by her new universe, basking in the love and affection her new parents give her. The young heroine begins to visit her new parallel existence more and more, but soon discovers her new mother has a very disturbing plan to trap Coraline in the new world forever and replace her eyes with buttons. In order to escape, Coraline must try to outsmart her sinister new mother by remaining resourceful and brave; all in the hopes of saving herself and her real family.

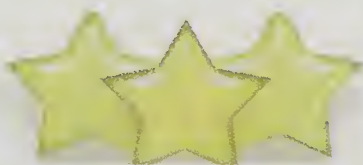
Filed in both 2D and 3D, "Coraline" is visually stunning, with an edgy and creepy quality crawling out of all angles. Director Henry Selick, who also directed "Tim Burton's The Nightmare

Before Christmas," and author Neil Gaiman create a visually pleasing fantasy world that forces the audience to wonder, 'how did they do that?'

While this film may make audiences wonder how things were done, it seems as though the director and writer spent too much time focusing on the odd characters within the story, and not enough time creating a storyline that allows the audience to become emotionally invested in the plight of the title character.

Even though this film may be geared towards children, parents should be cautious about taking their kids to see it. The dark look into the life of a young girl and macabre overtones throughout this film almost give off a feeling of a Grimm's fairytale, something that may disturb and frighten children under 10.

Unfortunate for many fans, this film is unable to capture the same intrigue and possible cult following of "The Nightmare Before Christmas," and even though the storyline may be thin, many viewers should still be able to appreciate the visual characteristics of the film.



**3 STARS**



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**Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009**  
**10 PM to 1 AM**



**Rock and Glow Bowling**

- Bowl in "the dark"
- Cosmic lights
- DJ Music
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- 1 wacky & 2 regular games
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| <b>Peppermint Patty</b> | Aimee Elias     |
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## Survey

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sponses and even some profanity. The new 2008 survey responses were more calmly written.

"The faculty and staff are not necessarily happy campers, but they're not miserable either," said Schieb. "It is clear that we still need to make some improvements."

Schieb put together some representative sample comments that reflected the majority of the respondents' answers to certain questions. The questions that received the most consistent feedback were in regards to salary.

*"The faculty and staff are not necessarily happy campers,"*

**Jeff Schieb**

**Associate Director**

The response to the topic of PUC's monetary practices inspiring employees to achieve departmental and campus priorities showed the most unhappiness.

An anonymous survey respondent said, "Until last year, when I benefited from the salary adjustment, I thought my salary was a joke. There are still people

who are woefully underpaid. There are also inequities in the way people are paid in my department."

Another topic that received a low agreement score, a 2.4, dealt with how employee feedback and input is used. Its representative sample comment said input is rarely petitioned for and often ignored, citing that the administration had often already made up their minds before they give an opportunity for feedback.

Schieb was also able to identify a matter of importance to the PUC community from the survey responses. He said on average faculty and staff are mostly interested in PUC providing a working environment that is safe and accepts differences.

Schieb also plans to conduct similar surveys at PUC in the future. The attendees of the results presentation suggested surveys that come more frequently and are more detailed to suit the specific issues unique to each department. They also said action should be taken to address the needs of the faculty and staff as opposed to mere talk.

## Sudoku

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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|   |   | 9 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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|   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 2 | 8 |
| 1 |   |   |   |   | 2 |   |   | 4 |
|   |   |   |   | 2 | 9 |   |   |   |
| 5 | 9 |   | 3 |   |   | 8 |   | 2 |
| 3 |   |   |   | 5 |   |   | 4 |   |

## Word Search

Jack Nicholson Movies

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G S A S G E O U G T R H D E  
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Easy Rider  
As Good as it Gets  
A Few Good Men  
The Shining  
About Schmidt

Batman  
The Departed  
Anger Management  
The Bucket List

## Royalty crowned at PUC Homecoming



Photo provided

At Saturday's Homecoming dance, the 2009 court was announced. The court consists of Natalie Mora (Princess), Nathyn Gibson (Prince), Alison Schnoor (Queen) and Pete Cabrera (King).

## Hammond Weather

|  |                                                    |
|--|----------------------------------------------------|
|  | Thursday<br>February 19<br>Snow/Wind<br>23°/13°    |
|  | Friday<br>February 20<br>Snow Showers<br>33°/15°   |
|  | Saturday<br>February 21<br>Snow Showers<br>18°/16° |
|  | Sunday<br>February 22<br>Sunny<br>29°/24°          |
|  | Monday<br>February 16<br>Mostly Sunny<br>37°/25°   |
|  | Tuesday<br>February 17<br>Rain/Snow<br>42°/33°     |
|  | Wednesday<br>February 18<br>Rain/Wind<br>36°/18°   |

## Police Blotter

### 2.03.09 - FRC - 2:15 p.m.

The fire alarm was activated; officers checked the building nothing was found. It was later determined there was a malfunction with the alarm.

**Closed**

### 2.04.09 - Campus - 9:30 a.m.

Victim cannot find her wallet, and is concerned about identity theft.

**Closed**

### 2.05.09 - CLO - 1:30 p.m.

Theft - Victim advised she dropped her cell phone and when she went back to retrieve it someone had taken it.

**Closed**

### 2.10.09 - Garage - 8:15 a.m.

An unknown subject(s) wrote graffiti on the south entrance of the parking garage. The grounds department was advised to remove the markings.

**Closed**

### 2.10.09 - Lot 10 - 9:30 a.m.

Harassment - An unknown subject(s) placed a rude note on the victims' car.

**Open**

## CTIS Connection

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# PUC four points away from victory

**Nathyn Gibson**  
Editor-in-Chief

Two baskets stopped PUC from victory as they were defeated by Judson University, 93-90.

PUC held the lead for the majority of the first half, at one point, outscoring them with double-digit points 12 minutes into the game.

The Eagles gained the advantage around the 15 minute mark, when Landon Skinner scored for the Eagles, making it 41-40. By the end of the first half, Judson was up 56-47.

The gap in the scores shifted back and forth in the second half, as PUC tried to catch up with Judson. The Peregrines began to catch up in the last five minutes of the game, but time was not a friend of PUC and the Peregrines lost by three points.

Antonio McNeal said foul trouble held back PUC. Seven minutes into the second half, Kris Krstevski bumped into the referee and the referee said it was intentional. Coach Voudrie said the turnovers had a factor in the final score of the game.

"The turnovers were huge, because not only did it limit our opportunity to score but the majority of our turnovers were steals for them," said Voudrie.

Vince Johnson, Robert Williams, Antonio Hurt and

Antonio McNeal hit double-digit points for their team. McNeal scored the most points for his team with 25, 20 of the points came from the first half.

"Overall, I think I did decent," said McNeal, "I got my shots in. I involved my teammates."

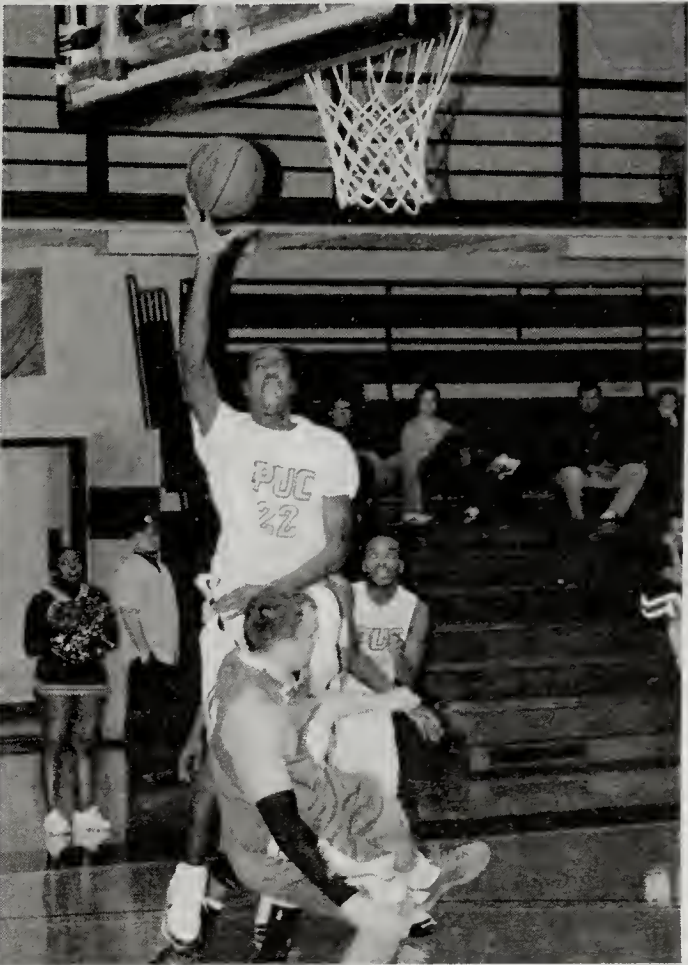
Eagles teammate, DeWayne Robinson became the top scorer of the game with 30 points, about 33 percent of Judson's total score. Caleb Sutton got a double-double for the Eagles with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Despite the loss, Coach Voudrie said this is one of their best performances of the year.

"To see a group that's 3-21 coming into this game get a lead, lose a lead, get down by double digits and then to battle back all the way where we are right there and had a chance to tie the game in the end shows the type of character these players have," said Voudrie. "It makes my job a truly enjoyable thing."

The last time PUC faced Judson was last month, losing 81-60.

After the game, PUC had two days to prepare for the homecoming game against St. Ambrose University, a team the men's basketball team has not faced this season.



Chronicle photo Nathyn D. Gibson

**Michael Patton scored eight points and got seven rebounds in Wednesday game against Judson University.**

## Spring 2009 Intramural Volleyball Standings/Results

| South             | (Matches) | W | L | (Games) | W | L | PTS |
|-------------------|-----------|---|---|---------|---|---|-----|
| Bump,Set !?!      | 2         | 0 |   | 6       | 0 | 4 |     |
| U Don't Even Know | 2         | 0 |   | 6       | 0 | 4 |     |
| Boats-N-O's       | 2         | 0 |   | 6       | 0 | 4 |     |
| Dig This          | 2         | 0 |   | 5       | 1 | 4 |     |
| TB                | 1         | 1 |   | 3       | 3 | 2 |     |
| Room 355          | 0         | 2 |   | 0       | 6 | 0 |     |
| Team Awesome      | 0         | 2 |   | 1       | 5 | 0 |     |
| Big Dogs          | 0         | 2 |   | 0       | 6 | 0 |     |
| North             | (Matches) | W | L | (Games) | W | L | PTS |
| New Flave         | 2         | 0 |   | 5       | 1 | 4 |     |
| PUC Spikers       | 2         | 0 |   | 5       | 1 | 4 |     |
| Spiked Punch      | 2         | 0 |   | 5       | 1 | 4 |     |
| Liquid Fusion     | 1         | 1 |   | 4       | 2 | 2 |     |
| Nothin Special    | 0         | 2 |   | 2       | 4 | 0 |     |
| The Presidents    | 0         | 2 |   | 0       | 6 | 0 |     |
| Vladimir Putin    | 0         | 2 |   | 0       | 6 | 0 |     |
| Extreme Ballers   | 0         | 2 |   | 0       | 6 | 0 |     |

## Spring 2009 Intramural Soccer Standings/Results

| East Conference   |   |   |   |    |    |
|-------------------|---|---|---|----|----|
| Team              | W | L | T | GF | GA |
| Gran Torino       | 2 | 0 |   | 23 | 12 |
| Rossenari         | 2 | 0 |   | 27 | 9  |
| Hoosier Mexicans  | 1 | 1 |   | 13 | 5  |
| PUVC Fire         | 0 | 2 |   | 12 | 26 |
| Plutonic Spavin   | 0 | 2 |   | 6  | 10 |
| West Conference   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Team              | W | L | T | GF | GA |
| FC PU             | 2 | 0 |   | 22 | 19 |
| FK Partizan       | 1 | 1 |   | 13 | 19 |
| Cardinals         | 1 | 1 |   | 17 | 16 |
| KSA               | 0 | 2 |   | 18 | 22 |
| Eisenfaust Otraid | 0 | 2 |   | 12 | 25 |

## Spring 2009 Intramural Bowling Standings/Results

| Blue Conference |     |       |   |   |   |
|-----------------|-----|-------|---|---|---|
| Team            | PTS | Games | W | L | T |
| Stooges         | 6   | 4     | 2 | 2 |   |
| Team Why        | 5   | 4     | 2 | 2 |   |
| Gutterballers   | 5   | 4     | 2 | 2 |   |
| Pounders        | 5   | 4     | 2 | 2 |   |
| Strikers        | 4   | 4     | 2 | 2 |   |
| Holy Rollers    | 4   | 4     | 2 | 2 |   |
| Red Conference  |     |       |   |   |   |
| Team            | PTS | Games | W | L | T |
| JMLS            | 8   | 4     | 3 | 1 |   |
| Gutter Pros     | 6   | 4     | 2 | 2 |   |
| PUC Spares      | 6   | 4     | 2 | 2 |   |
| *Incredibowls   | 5   | 4     | 2 | 2 |   |
| Perfectooo!     | 5   | 4     | 2 | 2 |   |
| Sisters         | 2   | 4     | 1 | 3 |   |

Michael Jordan says he knows he made some bad decisions. Because he read the paper in the 1990s.

The Chicago Bulls are currently shopping Andres Nocioni, Tyrus Thomas, Ben Gordon, Joakim Noah and Larry Hughes. The only Bull that appears to be safe is the team's mascot.

A former girlfriend is suing Roberto Alomar, saying that the one-time slugger knowingly exposed her to HIV. Mets fans were shocked, as they thought only his batting average had a degenerative disease.

Congress has no plan to hold a hearing with Alex Rodriguez. Or for doing anything else, for that matter. Rodriguez is relieved, as most Congressmen are a bit too young for his tastes.

Members of a Marijuana advocacy group have written a strongly worded letter to Kellogg after the company cut ties with Michael Phelps. Kellogg was able to quiet the group by replying, "Dave's not here, man."

Kobe Bryant became the youngest player in NBA history to reach the 23,000-point plateau in a game against the Oklahoma City Thunder. The record is a bit tainted, since 22,000 of those points came against the Thunder.

And Brett Favre says he is retiring yet again. Special thanks to Michael Phelps, Alex Rodriguez, and Kobe Bryant for preventing this from being news.

The Dallas Cowboys have officially cut Pacman Jones. And they did it on a giant mirror with a huge razor blade.

And Minnesota Timberwolves center Al Jefferson is done for the season with a torn ACL. The rest of the team is done for the season because they're the Timberwolves.

The Cleveland Cavaliers finally lost a home game. Somehow, the Cleveland Indians have already lost one, too.

The participants in the NBA's first officially sanctioned H-O-R-S-E competition will instead be spelling out G-E-I-C-O. Players are happy the event is not sponsored by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance.

The Continental Basketball Association has ended its regular season two months early due to a lack of funding. And we'll end this story right now, due to lack of interest.

Animal Planet is producing a new 12-part series that will take viewers into the lives of jockeys. Even though it's 12 parts, it's still a mini series.

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# Men fall short

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For the second time in a week, PUC came up short by only a handful of points, losing 67-62 in the 2009 Homecoming game against St. Ambrose University. This was the first time PUC faced the Bees this season.

"We had a good first half, but in the second half we came out flat," said Robert Williams.

PUC scored points early with a three-pointer by Michael Patton, 15 seconds into the game. The Peregrines got the advantage in the first half. By the end of the first half, PUC was ahead 41-33.

"I like the energy our team had coming in to the first half," said Williams.

"[We're making] little mistakes that are killing us," said Kevin Thomas.

In the second half, the Bees were able to swarm back and decrease the gap in points. Six minutes into the second half, SAU's Alex Washington scored a basket to give them the lead 45-44. The lead would be traded back-and-forth for the next four minutes until SAU scored.

"We need to play for 40 minutes instead of 35," said Antonio Hurt.

Voudrie credits SAU's defensive adjustment for their ability to hold off PUC from

being able to regain the lead in the second half.

Michael Patton, Kevin Thomas and Robert Williams got double-digits points in the game. Despite fighting illness, according to Voudrie, Thomas scored 12 points and got 4 rebounds in his last Homecoming.

"It was decent game," said Thomas "the mental mistakes in the end were killer."

With 19 points, Williams was the top scorer for his team and along with SAU's Mike Kennedy, was the top scorer of the game, but he is not satisfied with his performance in the game.

"I figured I could have had more assists," said Williams.

Antonio Hurt got 12 rebounds and was one point away from getting a double-double.

The Peregrines will host a double header against Cardinal Stritch on Wednesday. PUC faced Cardinal Stretch last month, losing 79-55. Thomas said they need to work on a lot of simple mistakes to prepare for Cardinal Stritch.

The men's game begins at 7 p.m.



Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson  
Thomas scored 12 points and got 4 rebounds in his last Homecoming.

## PEREGRINE



## HOMECOMING

# ONU defeats PUC

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The Lady Peregrines did not get the victory they were hoping for, in the 2009 Homecoming Game, when they were defeat by ONU 97-74.

"We're not happy with the results," said Coach Tom Megyesi, "we just have to persevere."

The Peregrines were neck-and-neck with the Bees in the first half 15 minutes of the first half. In the last five minutes, ONU was able to pull out a lead, to end the first half, 55-46.

The coaches and the fans from both teams had problems with some of the calls the referees made in the second half, though Megyesi said that the referees had no effects in the game. The Peregrines tried to make the comeback in the second half but was being outscored by ONU. Chrissy Lobodinski, who scored six points and got seven rebounds, said the team may have been getting frustrated in the second half and let some of the referees' calls get into their heads.

Nine minutes into the second half, two fans of ONU were thrown out of the gym after heckling the referee. When approached, the two fans said that the referee was doing a horrible job.

Stephanie Beck, Meme Harris and LaKeisha Hurst scored double digit points. Harris was the top scorer for the Peregrines, scoring 20 points in the 27 minutes she played in the game. Megyesi said Harris is an awesome point guard, calling her "a gamer," even though she's can be "too fast for her own good." However Harris was more critical of her performance.

"My head wasn't in the game in the second half," said Harris.

Beck was able to score 14 point. 12 of the points came from three-pointers. Megyesi said in every game Beck plays, she has gotten better and more confident.

"I felt like I finished pretty strong along with the rest of the team," said Beck.

LaKeisha Hurst scored a double-double, scoring 19 points and getting 10 rebounds in the last Homecoming game of her college career.

"She played like a senior again," said Megyesi.

According to Megyesi, Hurst mother came from Florida and her sister and

## Welcome to the Hall-of-Fame



Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson  
3-year-old, Tyler Davis brings flowers to his mother Tanya Davis as she was being inducted into the PUC Athletic Hall of Fame with the rest of the 1995-96 women's basketball team

brother came in from Delaware as she was honored for Senior Day before the game started.

Megyesi said playing teams like ONU helps them get better.

"We played better by playing a great team," said Megyesi, "you don't get better by playing weak teams."

On Wednesday, The Lady Peregrines will play the first

game of a double-header against Cardinal Stritch, in the FRC. Game time starts at 5 p.m. This will be the last game before the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference playoffs. PUC faced Cardinal Stritch last month, losing 95-57.

